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(WITH APPENDICES)

OF THE

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Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Fourteenth Report (with Appendices) of the Inspector for Ireland under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900, being for the year 1917.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. J. TAYLOR.

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and of Retreats,
Dublin Castle.

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INEBRIATES ACTS.

Report for the year 1917 on the Certified Reformatory and the Retreat established in Ireland under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1900.

DUBLIN CASTLE,

20th June, 1918.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN DENTON PINKSTONE, VISCOUNT FRENCH.

LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit this, the Fourteenth Annual Report, in pursuance of the provisions of the Habitual Drunkards Act, 1879, and the Inebriates Act, 1898.

CERTIFIED INEBRIATE REFORMATORY.

The Certified Reformatory (St. Brigid's) at Wexford for Roman Catholic females was maintained in excellent order during the year 1917, and the inmates were found in a clean and tidy condition at each visit paid to the institution.

Unfortunately, however, owing to the fowness of the committals to the Reformatory, and the great advance in the cost of living, the Religious Community which carried on the institution could only continue to do so at a financial loss which they were not in a position to bear, and they therefore, gave six months' notice of their intention to surrender the Certificate for the Reformatory. The notice expired on the 13th ultimo, when the institution was closed.

The only other Certified Inebriate Reformatory which was established in this country (St. Patrick's, Waterford, for males,) had already been closed, so that there is now no institution of this kind in Ireland.

At the beginning of 1917 there were 25 patients on the Register of St. Brigid's. During the year, 14 were admitted, 16 were discharged on expiration of sentence; one was discharged to undergo treatment in hospital; and 5 were transferred to the State Reformatory at Ennis, leaving 17 patients on the Register at the end of the year. Two of them were out on licence and one in a hospital, so that 14 remained in residence, all of whom have since been discharged. Three patients were released on licence during the year, and 3 were prosecuted and sentenced to short terms of imprisonment for insubordinate conduct.

The statistics relative to the Institution will be found in Appendix A, and the average cost of maintenance per patient during the year is shown in Appendix B.

INEBRIATE RETREAT.

The Lodge Retreat at Belfast was found in a highly satisfactory condition at each visit paid in 1917, and the inmates continue to receive careful attention. On the 1st January there were 15 patients on the Register. During the year 15 were admitted and 18 were discharged—17 on the expiration of the period for which they had undertaken to remain, and one owing to her refusal to take food—leaving 12 on the Register at the end of the year, all of whom were in residence.

Particulars relative to The Retreat and its inmates are given in Tabular form in Appendix C.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

THOMAS I. CONSIDINE,

Inspector.

APPENDIX A.

Containing Tables relative to Certified Inebriate Reformatories.

TABLE I.

Particulars of Certified Reformatory.

Name and Address of Reformatory.	Date of Certificate.	Superintendent.	Medical Officer.	Address of Superintendent.	Certified for the reception of		Number of patients received on 31st December, 1917.
					Number.	Sex.	
St. Brigid's, Wexford.	31st December, 1908.	The Superiress, Sisters of St. John of God, Wexford	S. V. O'Connor, L.R.D.S.M.	The Superintendent, St. Brigid's Inebriate Reformatory, Wexford.	66	Female	14

† Now closed.

TABLE II.

Showing the number of Persons admitted to certified Reformatories.

Reformatory.	Under Section I.						Under Section II.					
	1906 to 1915.		1916.		1917.		1906 to 1915.		1916.		1917.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
St. Patrick's, Waterford.	1	—	—	—	—	—	147	—	—	—	—	—
St. Brigid's, Wexford.	—	*14	—	—	—	—	—	107	—	16	—	14
Totals	1	*14	—	—	—	—	147	107	—	16	—	14
												299

* Section I case in which the Conditional Warrant was revoked, and the patient was therefore discharged forthwith. † Now closed.

TABLE III.

Details of Convictions under Section II. of the Inebriate Act, 1898, from 1906 to 1915, and in 1916 and 1917.

Years.	Found guilty of being a Habitual Drunkard: of having been at least three times convicted of drunkenness during the previous 12 months, and in a subsequent offence of being					
	While drunk guilty of disorderly behaviour.	Found drunk in a public place.	Found drunk on licensed premises.	Found drunk in charge of a vehicle.	Found drunk while in charge of children.	Total.
1906 to 1915	68	176	5	3	2	254
1916	2	14	—	—	—	16
1917	6	8	—	—	—	14
Totals	76	198	5	3	2	284

TABLE IV.

Details of the Ages of all Cases admitted to Certified Reformatories from 1906 to 1915, and in 1916 and 1917.

Years.	Sex.	16 Years and under 21.	21 Years and under 31.	31 Years and under 40.	40 Years and under 50.	50 Years and under 60.	60 Years and upwards.	Total.
1906 to 1915	Males	2	29	47	35	29	6	148
	Females	—	22	31	36	21	11	121
1916	Males	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Females	—	7	5	4	—	—	16
1917	Males	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Females	—	4	7	2	1	—	14
Totals		2	62	90	77	51	17	299

APPENDIX A.—continued.

TABLE V.

General Conduct of the Cases admitted to Certified Reformatories, from 1906 to 1915, and in 1916 and 1917.

Years.	Number of Persons who could be described as—				
	Well-behaved.	Manageable.	Troublesome.	Very troublesome.	Total.
1906 to 1915 ...	190	29	27	14	260
1916 ...	5	4	3	4	16
1917 ...	3	2	4	5	14
Totals ...	207	35	34	23	299

TABLE VI.

Details as to Marriage of Patients admitted to Certified Reformatories, from 1906 to 1915, and in 1916 and 1917.

Years.	Married.	Single.	Widowed.	Total.
1906 to 1915 ...	94	132	43	269
1916 ...	4	10	2	16
1917 ...	3	9	2	14
Totals ...	101	151	47	299

TABLE VII.

DETAILS AS TO EDUCATION.

Number of cases amongst Admissions to Certified Reformatories from 1906 to 1915 and in 1916 and 1917, who could

Years	Neither Read nor Write.	Read and Write imperfectly.	Read and Write well.	Superior Education.	Total.
1906 to 1915 ...	76	82	102	9	269
1916 ...	3	5	8	—	16
1917 ...	2	4	8	—	14
Totals ...	81	91	118	9	299

TABLE VIII.

Showing the number of Inmates sent from the Certified Reformatories to the State Inebriate Reformatory, Lunatic Asylums, and Prisons.

Reformatory.	Transferred to State Inebriate Reformatory.				Sent to Lunatic Asylums.				Committed to Prisons for various branches of Expulsion.			
	1906 to 1915	1916	1917	Total	1906 to 1915	1916	1917	Total	1906 to 1915	1916	1917	Total
*St. Patrick's, Waterford.	7	—	—	7	3	—	—	3	20	—	—	20
*St. Brigid's, Wexford.	8	3	5	16	2	1	—	3	15	2	3	20
Total ...	15	3	5	23	5	1	—	6	35	2	3	40

* Now closed.

APPENDIX B.

Table showing annual and weekly maintenance rate per head for inmates of Certified Inebriate Reformatory, during the years 1916 and 1917.

					Year 1916.			Year 1917.		
Reformatory,	St. Brigid's, Wexford.			St. Brigid's, Wexford.		
Daily average number of inmates under detention					22.8			15.8		
					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(1) Reformatory Staff Expenses:—										
Salaries and Wages:—										
Superior Officers (Superintendent, Medical Officer, and Chaplains)					5	3	3	7	0	10
Subordinate Officers					2	17	3	4	14	1
Provisions					4	3	10	5	9	10
Uniforms and Laundry					0	7	7	1	0	9
					12 11 11			18 5 6		
(2) Inmates' Expenses:—										
Provisions					21	16	2	25	5	1
Clothing and Laundry					3	15	0	3	1	5
Medical Requisites, Drugs, &c.					0	10	4	0	11	9
Allowances, Amusements, and Games					0	0	11	—	—	—
Removal Expenses					1	7	0	2	12	4
					27 9 5			31 10 7		
(3) General Expenses:—										
Fire, Light, and Water					4	17	5	7	1	5
Household Stores					—	—	—	—	—	—
Furniture and Fittings (Repairs and Replacements)					0	1	2	0	8	3
Ordinary Repairs to Buildings					—	—	—	—	—	—
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance					0	1	3	0	1	6
					4 19 10			7 11 3		
(4) Management Expenses:—										
Salaries (Clerks, &c.)					—	—	—	—	—	—
Managers' and Officers' Travelling Expenses					0	0	5	0	1	4
Printing, Stationery, and Advertisements					0	2	11	0	3	8
Telegrams, Stamps, and Cheque Books					0	9	0	0	10	3
Legal Expenses and Bank Charges					—	—	—	—	—	—
					0 12 4			0 15 3		
Total Maintenance Expenditure per head per annum										
					—	45	13 6	—	58	2 6
Equivalent Weekly Rate per Inmate										
					—	0	17 7	—	1	2 4

APPENDIX C.

Tables relative to Retreat established and licensed under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1900

TABLE I.

Particulars of Retreat, and Patients admitted thereto, during the Years 1916 and 1917.

Year	Number of Patients Licensed.	Number of Beds available for Patients under the Acts.	Number of Patients admitted under the Acts.			Number of Patients admitted privately (not under the Acts)			Total Number of Patients treated in Licensed Institution during each year.
			M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	
1916	1	24	—	19	19	—	—	—	19
1917	1	24	—	15	15	—	—	—	15

APPENDIX C.—continued.

TABLE II.

Particulars of Retreat under Licence, and Patients admitted thereto, during the Years 1916 and 1917.

Name and situation.	Name of Licensee.	Date of Licence or Renewal of Licence.	Number for which Retreat.	Patients under the Acts.							
				Sex.	Number remaining on 31st December, 1915.	Number admitted during the year 1916.	Number discharged during the year 1916.	Number remaining on 31st December, 1916.	Number admitted during the year 1917.	Number discharged during the year 1917.	Number remaining on 31st December, 1917.
The Lodge, Irwin Avenue, Strandtown, Belfast.	Miss Rachel Clarke.	1st May, 1917.	24	Female	17	19	21	15	15	18	12
											24

There were no deaths during the years 1916 and 1917.

TABLE III.

Showing an Analysis of the Periods for which Patients entered Retreat under the Acts from 1903 to 1915 and in 1916 and 1917.

Years.	2 Years.	2½ Months.	3 Months.	15 Months.	18 Months.	20 Months.	2 Months.	6 Months.	2 Months.	4 Months.	3 Months and over.	Total.
1903 to 1915 ...	5	—	—	—	48	—	1	120	—	—	*1	175
1916 ...	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	12	—	—	—	19
1917 ...	1	—	—	—	6	—	—	8	—	—	—	15
Total ...	6	—	—	—	61	—	1	140	—	—	1	209

* Exceptional case.

TABLE IV.

Particulars concerning Patients under the Acts Discharged from Retreat during the Years 1916 and 1917.

How Discharged.	Remarks.	Year 1916.		Year 1917.	
		Number.	Total.	Number.	Total.
Efflux of Time ...	—	—	19	—	17
Under Section 15 ...	(By order of the Lord Lieutenant) ...	—	—	—	—
Do. 18 ...	(By order of a Judge in Chambers) ...	—	—	—	—
Do. 13 ...	(By order of a Justice on the request of the Licensee of the Retreat).	—	—	—	—
	Urgent private affairs requiring patient's presence elsewhere ...	—	—	—	—
	Refractory conduct, rendering continued residence detrimental to the interest of other patients and to the general welfare of the Retreat ...	—	—	—	—
	Ill health rendering further detention inadvisable ...	2	2	—	—
	Refusal to take food ...	—	—	1	1
	Total discharged ...	—	21	—	18